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SUBJECT: After Action Report July and August, 1944.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C.
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Under the provisions of Paragraph 10, AR 345-105, as changed by Change Number 3, the following After Action Report for this command is submitted:

- 1 July 1944:
At 2350, battalion received a warning order to prepare to move in with 4th Armored Division to relieve 4th Infantry Division on the Cherbourg front.
- 17 July 1944:
March order was received from Combat Command "B" and battalion crossed the IF at 1532.
- 18 July 1944:
Bun Companies took up indirect fire positions at 0600. At about 2100 the enemy artillery had ranged in on the CP area. The first casualty was in " " Company, at 2200.
- 19 July 1944:
Brigadier General Ernst from 1st XI Brigade visited the Battalion. A line of 109 strafed the assembly area.
- 20 to 22 July 1944:
Have the battalion its baptism of fire. At 0855, "A" and "B" Companies fired indirect under Division Artillery Command.
- 23 July 1944:
" " Company suffered light casualties result of enemy artillery counter battery.
- 24 July 1944:
" " Company was bombed by enemy aircraft with several casualties.
- 25 July 1944:
Some 3,000 Bombers and Fighters bombed the front lines in preparation for an armored break-through.
- 26 July 1944:
A break-through was launched, and the battalion alerted to move with the 4th Armored Division.
- 27 July 1944:
"B" was attached to Combat Command "B", "C" Company attached to Combat Command "A", and the remainder of the battalion to Combat Command Reserve.
- 28 July 1944:
Battalion area bombed and strafed.
- 29 July 1944:
Battalion with respective attachments moved through the broken enemy line to assembly at Coutances.
- 30 July 1944:
Division objective was Avranches and points east thereof.
- 31 July 1944:
Combat Command "B" followed Combat Command "A" to Rennes.

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